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SUBJ: FORUM FOR DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE TO
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1. PER REFTTEL, EMBASSY DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS REGARDING PROPOSED C-20 "DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL" WITH MINFIN DIRECTEUR ADJOINT DE CABINET, YEBOUE. AS IS CASE IN MANY LDC'S, NO UNOFFICIAL "RESPONSE" WAS FORTHCOMING UNTIL YEBOUE HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH MINFIN BEDIE. JULY 11 YEBOUE REPORTED TO E/C CHIEF THAT MINISTER BEDIE AGREES IN GENERAL WITH U.S. POSITION. HOWEVER, BEDIE MUST STILL CONSULT WITH AFRICAN FINANCIAL LEADERS PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL GOIC POSITION; IVORY COAST WILL LIKELY FOLLOW AFRICAN CONSENSUS.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MINISTER BEDIE WILL PRESIDE AT IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS IN LATE SEPTEMBER. HE COULD AND LIKELY WILL SEEK TO EXERCISE LEADING ROLE AMONG LDC PARTICIPANTS. ACCORDINGLY, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY EFFORT

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BE MADE TO PERSUADE MINISTER BEDIE TO SUPPORT UGS POSITION ON C-20 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. I EXPECT TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON

MINISTER BEDIE IN NEAR FUTURE (HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM COUNTRY
MORE OFTEN THAN NOT SINCE MY PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS)
AND, IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WILL EXPLORE FURTHER HIS VIEWS REGARDING
PROPOSED COUNCIL. TIMING OF SUCH CONVERSATION WOULD BE FORTUITOUS
SINCE AFRICAN CONSENSUS--WHICH BEDIE WILL PLAY STRONG ROLE IN
FORMULATING--HAS APPARENTLY YET TO EMERGE. PLEASE ADVISE
SOONEST.
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